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1. MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO, RETURNED TO VENEZUELA RECENTLY AFTER SPENDING MORE THAN ONE MONTH ABROAD. ON NOV 10 PEREZ GUERRERO WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE PRESS CONCERNING THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (CIEC).

2. PEREZ GUERRERO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT CONDITIONS ARE NOW FAVORABLE FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE PARIS CONFERENCE. AFTER THE RECENT EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE UNGA, THE
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POSITION OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS IS MUCH MORE POSITIVE

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AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND THERE IS AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONFIDENCE.
ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, HE WENT ON TO WARN REPORTERS
THAT THEY SHOULD NOT EXPECT AGREEMENTS IMMEDIATELY.
IT WILL BE A LONG PROCESS, HE SAID, DURING WHICH WORKING
COMMISSIONS WILL PREPARE FOR A SECOND CONFERENCE IN 1976
WHICH WILL COMMISSION AGREEMENTS. THE COMMISSIONS WILL
PROGRESS TOWARDS RESULTS IN ALL AREAS, WHICH WILL BE
ACCORDED EQUAL PRIORITY.

3. COMMENT: PEREZ GUERRERO'S FAVORABLE COMMENTS CONFIRM
THE IMPRESSIONS OF HIS SUBORDINATE (REPORTED REFTEL)
CONCERNING THE OUTCOME OF PREPCON II AND PROSPECTS FOR THE
PARIS MINISTERIAL-LEVEL CONFERENCE. PEREZ GUERRERO'S
TIME FRAME FOR THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE APPEARS
TO HAVE BEEN EXTENDED SUBSTANTIALLY SINCE LAST SUMMER
WHEN HE WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF CONCRETE RESULTS BY
EARLY 1976. HIS COMMENTS REPORTED ABOVE APPEAR FAR MORE
REALISTIC. HIS ENTHUSIASTIC COMMENTS ON THE CHANGED
ATTITUDE OF INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS ARE ENCOURAGING, BUT
COULD LEAD TO SOME DISILLUSIONMENT WHEN THE DIALOGUE BEGINS
TO COME TO GRIPS WITH DIFFICULT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.
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